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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

REPORT NO

TOPIC Erfurt/Bindersleben Airfield

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EVALUATIONDATE OF CONTENT 12 August to 5 September 1950PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

One sketch on ditto

REMARKS

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1. All 22 aircraft left the Erfurt-Bindersleben (N 51/J 26) airfield on 12 August 1950. \*
2. No motor vehicles or tents were seen at the field on 13 August 1950. A detail of 12 Soviets burned the straw that had been used in the camp. Local residents said that the Soviets had established themselves for a longer stay and did not expect this sudden transfer.

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3. [REDACTED]
4. The field was unoccupied and unguarded between 25 August and 5 September 1950. A large eastern section of the landing field was being farmed. The cement taxiway around the landing field and the concrete aprons in front of the destroyed hangars were intact. There were 6 shafts in front of the aprons and 12 in the northern section of the field. Each shaft, 1x1 1/2 meter in diameter, was lined with masonry and had a cement cover, 20 cm thick. At one shaft it was noticed that two vertical tubes, each about 1 inch in diameter, were fitted on two sides. \*\*\*
5. The only intact buildings at the field were those in the southern section which were occupied by civilians. Only the foundations of the other buildings existed.

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- \* Comment. It was previously reported that, between 13 July and 12 August 1950 the field was occupied by the air transport regiment which was previously stationed in Altenburg. The 22 aircraft shown on Annex 2 were the ones that left on 12 August. [REDACTED] The present report confirms the assumption that the regiment was transferred to Erfurt-Bindersleben only temporarily because of maneuvers. [REDACTED]

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\*\*\* ~~SECRET~~ Comment. It is not known whether the shafts have been recently established. They are possibly parts of former underground tank installations. For sketch of airfield and location of shafts, see Annex.

Annex:

Erfurt-Bindersleben Airfield.  
(Sketch on ditto)

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